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## Dr. Dooley Didn't Pass Hat

DR. TOM DOOLEY, from Laos, who was honored for his dedication to mankind by Government leaders on Tuesday, left Washington, not a penny richer.

The young man whose fame has spread among the ailing, depressed peoples of Southeast Asia, told Vice President Richard M. Nixon and top Republican and Democratic lawmakers of his work. But he took everybody by surprise when he failed to ask Congress to appropriate so much as a dollar to the far-flung helping hand of MEDICO.

This is the organization which the slender, smiling medic co-founded with an Arlington doctor, Dr. Peter Dr. Comanduras, as a self-supporting organization a year ago September. The name stands for "Medical International Cooperation Organization."

Next Wednesday, June 22,

when Dr. Dooley and Dr. Comanduras meet in New York at a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria, they will speed twenty doctors and nurses on their way into the medical trails blazed by Dr. Dooley without any thought that the U. S. Government will reach out a financial hand their way.

"MEDICO must remain a private organization, disassociated from the Government," says Dr. Comanduras.

"Dr. Dooley and I shall never accept Government funds for the work of MEDICO which now reaches out into the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East and South America as well as into Southeast Asia where Dr. Dooley began his work."

THE LUNCHEON at which Dr. Dooley was the hon of the day was given by Sen. and Mrs. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire in the

old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol.

AMONG the guests were many especially knowledgeable about health matters. Sen. Lister Hill, a stout backer of help for the mentally ill; Mrs. Albert Lasker, who heads several important foundations set up by her late husband; Mrs. Florence Mahoney, an expert on health legislation; others who have helped and probably will help Medico, Under Secretary of State Douglas Dillon, Sen. F. W. Fulbright whose scholarship plan has helped many of Dooley's students receive advanced medical training; others of influence like Sen. Saltonstall, Sen. Hickel, Rep. Walter Judd. All of them were impressed with Dr. Tom Dooley whose idea and inspiration have given health and hope everywhere from Kenya to Kabul; from Haiti to Jordan; from Malaya to Morocco.